



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
NAKAMURA et al.)
Application Number: 10/090,767) Art Unit 2157
Filed: March 6, 2002)) Examiner Emmanuel Coffy
For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK)
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING)
METHOD OF THE UNIT)
Attorney Docket No. HITA. 0181)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on November 27, 2005, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for one month. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: